

Other Memorials, Museums, and Artwork



If you have time during your stay in Washington, DC, you may also want to visit these other memorials, museums, and artwork found throughout DC.

Memorials, Museums, & Other Landmarks

Arlington National Cemetery

These hallowed grounds are home to President Kennedy's eternal flame, the changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknowns, and thousands of U.S. soldiers that gave the ultimate sacrifice for their country. The changing of the guard happens every hour, on the hour, from October 1 to March 31. During the rest of the year, the changing of the guard happens on the hour and 30 minutes past the hour. The cemetery closes at 5:00 pm during the winter, and 7:00 pm during the summer.

Website: <http://www.arlingtoncemetery.mil/Default.aspx>

Location: 1 Memorial Dr, Fort Myer, VA 22211. (Directly across the Potomac River from Washington, DC)

Nearest Metro: Arlington National Cemetery (Blue Line)

C&O Canal Towpath

Historically used by animals pulling cargo on the Chesapeake & Ohio Canal through Georgetown, the towpath today is a walking trail along the unused C&O Canal. Managed by the National Park Service, the towpath is a great break from the busy city streets and is in an historical part of DC. The towpath is open during daylight hours. The visitor's center has hours that vary by season, so check the website for the most current visitor center hours.

Website: <http://www.nps.gov/choh/planyourvisit/hours.htm>

Location: Towpath: Georgetown, between K and M Streets NW. Starts at 29th Street NW and goes west with many access points along the length of the trail.

Visitor Center: 1057 Thomas Jefferson St NW, Washington, DC 20007

Nearest Metro: Foggy Bottom-GWU (Blue/Orange Line). The towpath is about a 1 mile walk west of the station.

The Mall & Tidal Basin

The Mall and Tidal Basin are the heart of Washington, DC. This large park is home to many different memorials and monuments and is bookended by the Capitol Building and the Lincoln Memorial. Many memorials have been placed on the mall, including the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, the National World War Two Memorial, the Washington Monument, and the Korean War Veterans Memorial. Along the Tidal Basin, which is directly south of the Mall, are memorials to Jefferson, Franklin D. Roosevelt, and Martin Luther King Jr. All memorials are free with most being open 24 hours.

Website: <http://www.nps.gov/nacc/index.htm>

Mall Location: East of the Capitol from 1st Street to the Potomac River (23 blocks), bounded by Independence Avenue SW and Constitution Avenue NW.

Tidal Basin Location: South of the Mall, bounded by Independence Avenue SW, 14th Street SW, and Ohio Dr.

Nearest Metro: Smithsonian (Orange/Blue)

National Aquarium

This small aquarium, located in the Commerce Department building, is the oldest public aquarium in the United States. The exhibit takes around 45 minutes to view and includes alligators, sharks, and piranhas. Hours vary depending on the season, and ticket prices are subject to change, so please visit their website for more information.

Website: <http://nationalaquarium.org/visit/dc>

Location: 1401 Constitution Ave NW, Washington, DC 20230

Nearest Metro: Federal Triangle (Blue/Orange)

National Cathedral

The National Cathedral is the 6th largest cathedral in the world and the 2nd largest in the United States. Home of the Episcopal Church, this cathedral is open to all for tours and worship. The cathedral is known for hosting many large, national services, including the state funerals of three different American Presidents. The requested contribution to visit the Cathedral is \$10 per person.

Website: <http://www.nationalcathedral.org/>

Location: 3101 Wisconsin Ave NW, Washington DC, 20016

Nearest Metro: The National Cathedral is not Metro accessible. However, there are a variety of buses that you can take from Metro stops to reach the Cathedral. Please visit <http://www.nationalcathedral.org/visit/directions.shtml> for more information.

National Gallery of Art

The National Gallery is home to an extensive collection of fine art. The collection includes paintings by Van Gogh, Monet, Picasso, Rembrandt, and many others in a two-building complex. The gallery is open from 10am to 5pm Monday through Saturday and 11am to 6pm Sunday.

Website: <http://www.nga.gov/home.htm>

Location: 4th Street and Constitution Avenue NW

Nearest Metro: Archives-Navy Memorial (Green/Yellow) or Judiciary Square (Red)

National Zoo

The national zoo is a 163 acre park in Northwest DC. On display are various different animals from around the world, including lions, butterflies, and the famous great pandas. This stop is great for kids and for any animal lover. The zoo is open every day but Christmas, and hours vary with the seasons.

Website: <http://nationalzoo.si.edu/>

Location: 3001 Connecticut Ave NW, Washington, DC 20008

Nearest Metro: Woodley Park-Zoo/Adams Morgan (Red Line) or Cleveland Park (Red Line). The zoo is about a ½ mile walk from either metro stop.

Old Stone House

One of the oldest standing structures in Washington, DC and the oldest residence still on its original foundation, the Old Stone House is a simple 1700's era residence in the Georgetown District. The house has been presented to reflect upper-middle class living during the time soon after the American Revolution. This is a great stop for history lovers. Admission is free and the house is open from Noon to 5:00 pm every day.

Website: <http://www.nps.gov/olst/index.htm>

Location: 3051 M St NW, Washington, DC 20007

Nearest Metro: Foggy Bottom-GWU (Blue/Orange Line). It is about a 3/4 mile walk from the station.

Smithsonian

This collection of 19 museums is located primarily on the National Mall, with other museums throughout DC and the surrounding area. Smithsonian museums include the National Air and Space Museum, the National Museum of American History, the National Museum of Natural History, and the American Art Museum. Admission to all museums is free. Museum hours vary, but most open at 10:00 am and close at 5:30 pm.

Also, the Wankel T. rex has a new home in the Smithsonian dinosaur hall in the National Museum of Natural History. For the first time since its dinosaur hall opened in 1911, the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History will have a nearly complete T. rex skeleton. The dinosaur bones were transported from the Museum of the Rockies in a truck carrying 16 carefully packed crates. The T. rex was discovered in 1988 on federal land in Montana and is about 80 to 85 percent complete. It's one of about half a dozen nearly complete T. rex skeletons that have been uncovered. This specimen could become the most prominent with its new home in one of the world's most-visited museums.

Website: <http://www.si.edu/>

Location: Throughout DC and the surrounding area. Most museums are concentrated around the National Mall.

Nearest Metro: Smithsonian (Orange/Blue) for most museums. Archives-Navy Memorial (Green/Yellow) and L'Enfant Plaza (Orange/Blue/Green/Yellow) are also within walking distance of many museums.

United States Botanic Garden

The Botanic Garden is home to over 10,000 different plant specimens from around the U.S. and the world. Exhibits include desert plants, endangered plants, a children's garden, and an extensive orchid collection. Admission is free and the gardens are open every day, including federal holidays, from 10 am to 5 pm. Hours are extended during the summer, so check the website for the most current information.

Website: <http://www.usbg.gov/>

Location: 100 Maryland Ave SW, Washington DC, 20024

Nearest Metro: Federal Center SW (Blue/Orange)

United States Marine Corps War Memorial

A monument to all those who served in the Marine Corps, this memorial is a bronze of the famous picture *Raising the Flag At Iwo Jima*, taken during the invasion of Iwo Jima during World War II. Each figure is 32 feet tall, and the grounds around the memorial have views of Washington, DC, which is located across the Potomac River.

Website: <http://www.nps.gov/gwmp/marinecorpswarmemorial.htm>

Location: At Meade Street and Marshall Drive, Arlington, VA

Nearest Metro: Rosslyn (Blue/Orange Line) with the Memorial is a .3 mile walk south of the station. Arlington National Cemetery (Blue Line) with the Memorial is about a 1 mile walk north of the station.

Theodore Roosevelt Island

A memorial to Theodore Roosevelt, this 88 acre wooded island in the Potomac River is accessible only by a pedestrian bridge. On the island, there are miles of trails, a statue of Theodore Roosevelt, and an impressive display of wildflowers in the spring. The island is open daily from 6am to 10pm and is managed by the National Park Service.

Website: <http://www.nps.gov/this/index.htm>

Location Parking: Northbound George Washington Memorial Parkway, just north of the Roosevelt Bridge

Nearest Metro: Rosslyn (Blue/Orange Line). If you plan to walk from the metro stop, look at the directions on the park's website in advance, as the route to the park is not well signed. It is a little over 1 mile from the station to the park.

Other Memorials, Statues, & Artwork

American Relief



This sculpture in front of the Kennedy Center of Performing Arts is a representation of the combination of history and society that make up American life. On the left end are European immigrants fighting for sacks of grain on a ship, which represents how their perseverance and diversity make up the foundation of the U.S. today. Going across from the left, the sculpture flows into New York City with its ferocious cars, the diversity of people that move the city and its towering skyscrapers, and finally ending with the Statue of Liberty and a rocket to the moon on the right.

Arts of Peace, Music, and Harvest



Standing behind the Lincoln Memorial, these statues created by James Earle Fraser were given to the United States by the people of Italy. Erected in 1951, their symbolism ranges from the Civil War to mythological creatures. The statues also have a matching pair.

Canova Lions



These lions, one sleeping and one watching the street in front of it, guard the Corcoran Gallery of Art. They were bought in 1888 and displayed in front of the gallery's original building, both facing the street. When moved to the new building at

17th Street and New York Avenue in Northwest, they also were moved to face each other.

Darth Vader Gargoyle



Not the usual kind of gargoyle to hunch over a tower corner, Darth Vader is actually the third place-winning design of Christopher Reaner for the children's Cathedral Sculpture Competition in the 1980s, sponsored by the National Geographic World Magazine and the National Cathedral. This ruler of the Galactic Empire can be located at the tower opposite the Abraham Lincoln statue, and seen best with binoculars.

Einstein Statue



This 12-foot likeness of one of the most celebrated scientists in history is located across the street from the Vietnam Veterans Memorial on Constitution Avenue. It was dedicated on April 22, 1979, with points of stars and planets at his feet in the exact position in the sky as on the day of dedication. In his lap are a few pieces of paper with some of his famous mathematical theories, including the Theory of Relativity.

Epoch



Erected in 2004 by Albert Paley, this 25-foot statue stands in front of Zaytinya restaurant. Hidden among the beautiful colors is a poem by DC poet laureate Delores Kendrick. The program DC Creates! Public Art commissioned the piece.

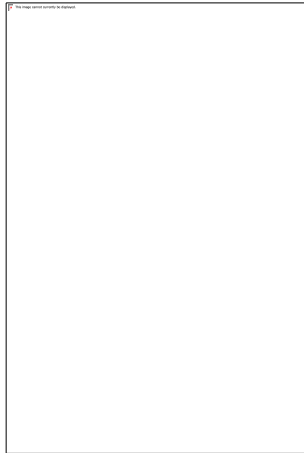
Full Count



Located in the courtyard of the Federal Reserve Bank at 19th Street and Virginia Avenue in NW, this sculpture depicts a pitcher, batter, catcher, and umpire in game-correct positions and distances in the small, grassy courtyard field. John

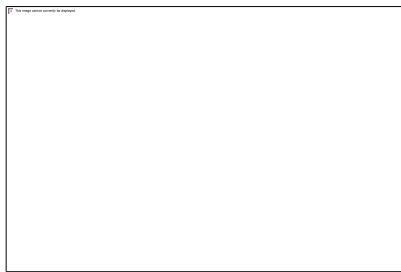
Dreyfuss, the artist behind the sculpture, has been working on the theme of baseball since 1980 and spent eight years on this sculpture, taking extra time to make sure each were in the right stance and distance as real players would be in a game. Baseball is not only an inspiration for his work but also serves to him as a commentary on American society and culture.

George Meade Memorial



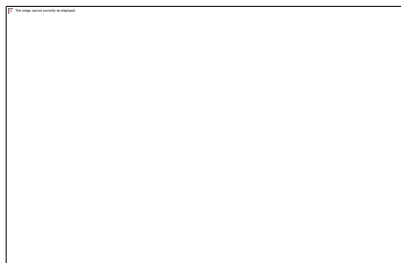
George Meade was a Union general during the Civil War and most remembered for leading the Army of the Potomac in the Battle of Gettysburg and defeating Robert E. Lee's army. His statue - located in front of the federal courthouse on Pennsylvania Avenue in NW and one of many around the country - shows him standing at the front with six figures at the sides representing Loyalty, Chivalry, Fame, Progress, Military Courage, and Energy, with the winged figure of War standing directly back-to-back with him on the opposite side.

Ghandi Statue



From 1915 until his death in 1948, Mahatma Gandhi used non-violent protest to free India from British occupation and become an independent country. His statue, in front of the Embassy of India on Massachusetts Avenue NW, stands 8 feet 8 inches tall and depicts him mid-stride in his most famous march against the British salt tax in 1930. As an icon of Indian nationalism, he stands not only in DC but also in cities such as New York, Atlanta, Houston, San Francisco, Salt Lake City, and St. Louis.

Kahlil Gibran Sculpture



Founded in 1991, this memorial marks the beginning of the Kahlil Gibran Memorial Garden, which features imagery and lines of his poetry throughout. Gibran was an influential Lebanese-American philosophical essayist, novelist, mystical poet, and artist who was born in Syria and immigrated to America with his mother and siblings in 1895. He is most known for his work "The Prophet," a book of 26 poetic essays that has been translated into more than 20 languages. He also founded a society for Arab writers in 1920. His works became influential in the 1960s and have remained in American culture since.

John Ericsson Statue



Sitting by the Potomac River on the National Mall in West Potomac Park, this statue is in honor of Ericsson's life and accomplishments. A Swedish-born engineer and inventor, his most famous accomplishment is designing the iron-plated USS Monitor, the first ironclad warship, during the Civil War.

National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial



Located literally around the entrance of the Judiciary Square Metro station, the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial is dedicated to officers on the local, federal, and state levels that have died in the line of duty. New names are added every spring - during National Police Week - on the curved granite walls, which are guarded by a bronze lion on each end. Just in front of the entrance to the Judiciary Square

station is a display with guide maps that point out groups of officers who gave their lives during events like September 11th, the pursuit of Billy the Kid, and other significant moments throughout history.

Rabboni



This sculpture by Gutzon Borglum, who sculpted Mount Rushmore, is a tribute to prominent banker Charles M. Foulke and family. It is a depiction of Mary Magdalene walking out of the small stone alcove built behind her, but what makes the statue really interesting is what time has done. Water and erosion have turned Mary green and given her tears down her cheeks, making her look like she is pointing at something truly horrendous in front of her. There are also six other statues at Rock Creek Cemetery that time has turned. Some have been standing since the 1700s and 1800s.

Samuel Hahnemann Memorial



This statue near Scott Circle is dedicated to the German physician Hahnemann, who spent his life working in medicine. Hahnemann created homeopathy, which focuses on the healing power of symptoms, and the panels around the statue show the progression of his theory. The script on the bottom of his throne reads "Similia Similibus Curantur," meaning "like cures the like," which is the founding concept he contributed to

medicine.

Masonic Sphinxes



Fans of books like "The Lost Symbol" will love the rich history behind the sphinxes at the House of the Temple of the Scottish Rite on 16th Street NW. Known to guard mysteries and secrets, in ancient times sphinxes were mythological creatures and often symbols that represent gods. The two that adorn this temple represent power (L) and wisdom (R) and embody all of the secrecy and tradition of freemasonry.

Spirit of Haida Gwaii



Outside the Canadian Embassy stands this canoe, holding travelers that represent Canadian history. Haida Gwaii, also known as the Queen Charlotte Islands, is an island chain in British Columbia known for its diverse nation. Each character on the canoe represents something about Haida Gwaii, such as "The Bear," who sits proudly as the leader looking into the past. Haida Gwaii stands for "Islands of the People" and all of these allegorical creatures symbolize their mythology.

Women's Titanic Memorial



Looking at this woman holding open her arms, you can almost feel the ocean breeze brushing underneath them and pushing her back toward the ship. This free spirit was created largely through donations from more than 25,000 women to honor those men who remained on the Titanic in order to save the women and children on board. Completed in 1918, it wasn't displayed until 1930 and has gone through several moves since,

from New Hampshire Avenue along the Potomac River, to storage in Fort Washington, Md, to its current location at Washington Channel Park on P Street SW.